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## (57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a composition comprising an oligonucleotide comprising (a) the sequence  $N_1$ - $N_2$ -G- $N_3$ -G, wherein  $N_1$  represents any nucleotide if  $N_2$  and  $N_3$  are G;  $N_2$  represents any nucleotide if  $N_1$  and  $N_3$  are G; and  $N_3$  represents any nucleotide if  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are G, or (b) the sequence of (a), wherein at least one nucleotide is replaced by a corresponding nucleotide analog or derivative. The present invention further relates to the use of the composition, and/or the oligonucleotide of the present invention for the production of a pharmaceutical composition for preventing or treating septic shock, inflammation, autoimmune diseases. This-mediated diseases, bacterial infections, parasitic infections, viral infections, spontaneous abortions, and/or tumors.